



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

April 14, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Charles J. Givens
242 N. Westmonte Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714-3307

Dear Mr. Givens:

This is in reference to your complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission on February 12, 1996, alleging that Forbes, Inc., Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes, Jr. and his campaign committee, Forbes for President, Inc. ("Committee"), violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act"), by making or accepting corporate contributions with regard to commentaries written by Mr. Forbes and carried in *Forbes* magazine during his candidacy for U.S. President.

After conducting an investigation the Commission found probable cause to believe that Forbes, Inc., Mr. Forbes and the Committee each violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), a provision of the Act. The Commission found probable cause to believe the Committee also violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2)(A). The Commission was unable to settle the matter through a conciliation agreement and, therefore, authorized the filing of a civil suit in United States District Court. On February 19, 1999, following a vote by the Commission to withdraw its suit and close the file in this matter, a Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal was filed in United States District Court, Southern District of New York. Accordingly, the file is now closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Andersen".

Thomas J. Andersen
Attorney

Enclosure

Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal

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